

the Senate Appropriations Committee, during which time Indiana passed five balanced budgets, cut taxes, invested in priorities, and built a substantial rainy day fund. And Senator Kenley has been the architect of our State's remarkable fiscal turnaround, and his impact on Hoosiers will be felt for generations to come.

With a national debt approaching \$20 trillion, I think it is fair to say we could use a lot more of Luke Kenley's style of leadership here in our Nation's Capital.

I wish him well as he prepares to step down on September 30, and I thank him for his remarkable service.

FIRST, DO NO HARM

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, those who support the GOP medical bill have forgotten one of the main and first principles of medical care: Do no harm.

They said repeatedly that they would protect preexisting conditions. They said that they would protect accessible and affordable healthcare and premiums. But they must have been crossing their fingers when they said it because nothing is further from the truth.

Under their latest bill, premiums will soar, particularly for the elderly. Women would have to, once again, worry about preexisting conditions, such as pregnancy.

The defunding of Planned Parenthood would hurt many women, particularly low-income women.

And the cuts to Medicare in the bill would be devastating to millions of women, seniors, children, and the disabled.

In addition, the diminished subsidies could mean that more people than the 22 million in the last bill who were removed from healthcare under the bill will lose their healthcare.

Vote "no" on this disastrous bill.

CHINA ABUSES ITS OWN PEOPLE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the United States is finally holding China accountable for its longstanding human trafficking abuses.

In the State Department's 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report, China was downgraded to the worst level: tier 3.

This means that, in the past year, the Chinese have done little to nothing to end human trafficking, which is nothing more than modern-day slavery in this communist nation.

China's crimes include state-sponsored forced labor, sex trafficking, and trafficking of children, men, and women from other countries.

This puts China alongside some of the world's worst offenders of human rights: Russia, Syria, and Iran.

It illegally detains and tortures its own people, as well as U.S. citizens that are there. It also restricts the fundamental human right to free speech and freedom of religion.

China is allowing labor and sex trafficking to flourish in its borders. Now the entire world knows what has been taking place behind their great wall of brutality: abuse.

And that is just the way it is.

WE CANNOT LET POLITICS GET IN THE WAY OF PATRIOTISM

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, we cannot allow politics to get in the way of patriotism in this House.

We might disagree about healthcare, or we might disagree about tax reform, but I know that there are patriots in this House who want to stand together against Russian interference in our elections, patriots who will record their votes for country above party.

The Senate passed Russia sanctions 98-2. This is not controversial policy. The controversy, Mr. Speaker, is the refusal to let us vote on it. If you call the vote, Russian sanctions would pass; they would pass with an overwhelming bipartisan majority of patriots, those of us who refuse to let anyone stand in the way of defending our Nation.

When this Nation is under attack, we must come together, Mr. Speaker. Let us vote to condemn Russian cyber attacks, let us vote to insulate sanctions from political interference, and let us stand together as patriots to defend the United States.

Mr. Speaker, bring the Russia sanctions bill, the one that passed the Senate last week, the one that passed 98-2, bring it to a vote here, let us pass it, send it to the President's desk, and see whether he will sign it.

CONGRATULATING SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Services, a first responder organization in my district, for receiving the American Heart Association's Gold Plus Award. Only 1 percent of organizations nationwide achieve this designation.

The designation recognizes the great length that Susquehanna EMS has taken to improve the treatment of patients suffering from severe heart attacks.

Last year, Susquehanna EMS personnel provided lifesaving treatment to 94 percent of patients within the critical 90-minute time period prescribed by the American Heart Association.

These remarkable individuals who serve have taken incredible pride in

their work that has had real lifesaving results in our community.

To the dedicated men and women of Susquehanna Valley EMS, I and your community thank you.

SANCTION THE KGB, MR. PUTIN, AND RUSSIA

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, we are not Republicans and we are not Democrats. We are Americans, and we draw together around the protecting of America's security.

With that in mind, you can imagine my shock as a member of the Judiciary Committee to find out that a KGB agent was in a meeting with Jared Kushner, who now has a security clearance, and Donald Trump, Jr., among others.

I was shocked to find out that the lawyer who was present in that meeting had a \$200 million lawsuit to stop being sued on the money laundering, and that that lawsuit was settled by the Trump Justice Department for \$6 million—\$200 million down to \$6 million. To the American people, that means that the \$200 million that was owed to this government turned out to be \$6 million.

That is why I will have a resolution to ask the President to step down. And, as well, to introduce a resolution—a constitutional resolution—to begin a constitutional investigation into whether or not we are protected here in this Nation.

Our security is our greatest priority.

I would also suggest that the sanctions bill that was voted on in the Senate must be voted on in the House now. We cannot still continue to hide the ball. Sanction the KGB, sanction Mr. Putin, sanction Russia. They are, in fact, here to demolish the democracy of this Nation.

YAKIMA VALLEY'S BEST BEER EXPERIENCE AWARD

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a region in my district, the Yakima Valley, for being recognized as the winner of the World Food Travel Association's FoodTrekking Award for Best Beer Experience.

John Cooper, president and CEO of Yakima Valley Tourism, nominated the region for the award, and this is just one example of the efforts John and his group are making to promote the budding beer and hospitality industries of the Yakima Valley.

The FoodTrekking Awards recognize excellent food and beverage tourism experiences all over the world, and it is an honor for Yakima to be selected as